

Disabilities Advisory Council Minutes



Meeting: Disabilities Advisory Council
Date: 2/24/2015
Start Time: 2:00 P.M.
End Time: 4:00 P.M.
Location: Conference Room 1020C
Multi-Agency State Office Building
195 North 1950 West
Salt Lake City, UT 84116
Type of Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting

Members:	Present:	Absent:	Members:	Present:	Absent:
Peggy Augustine	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Shane Sadler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph Taggart	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Paul Smith	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
John Westling	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Dustin Erekson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Deborah Bowman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Marsha Colegrove	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Krissie Summerhays	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Kristen Chapman	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Glen Larson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Public, stakeholders, and staff in attendance:

Lynn Ward, Jim Jensen

Welcome and introduction:

The Chair opens the meeting at 2:05.

Motion to accept Minutes:

Council approves the 1/27/2015 meeting minutes with amendments.

Council Discussed Amendments to its Executive Order:

The Council reviewed amending its Executive Order to include presidents from The Utah Association of Community Services (UACS) and the Independent Support Coordinator Association (ISCA).

Motion Passed: The Division will investigate amending the Executive Order to include the president of UACS as one of the two appointed positions for providers on the Council and the president of ISCA as one of the two appointed positions for support coordinators on the Council. The presidents from these organizations will serve on the Council for the length of their presidency term and will be replaced by their successor. Additionally, the Council will encourage the outgoing ISCA president Council member to participate as a member of the public for six months to ensure continuity of the Council membership.

Lynn Ward Discusses the unnumbered Achieving a Better Life Experience Bill:

([SB 292](#) passed during the 2015 General Session)

Lynn Ward, Executive Director of the Utah Educational Savings Plan, discussed her work with Senator Weiler on a proposed bill for managing Utah ABLE Act accounts. Lynn noted there are striking similarities between the accounts and 529 college saving plans. Lynn distributed a model of what the bill might look like once numbered.

Lynn discussed the accounts including the person as the account owner, limits on yearly contributions, a possible Utah tax deduction married to contributions, and the ability for non-account owners to contribute to accounts. Additionally, Lynn discussed the financial benefits of ABLE accounts over a traditional trust.

The Council voiced the opinion that the Utah Department of Workforce Services (DWS) as the housing unit of the ABLE Accounts might have negative consequences as some constituents have had difficulty accessing DWS.

Legislative Update by Paul Smith:

We learned the 2% reduction was more of a stress test and an exercise to identify areas for efficiencies.

It is looking likely that direct care staff salary increases will be approved. All the funding will need to be accounted for in staff salaries and compensations.

The Division experienced several cuts in one-time money include \$6.67 million in carryforward. The Legislature feels confident that due to the delay in services, all the new money appropriate will generate enough one-time money to cover the cut. DSPD testified against this strategy and may have to approach the Social Services Appropriations Subcommittee for more funding if needed.

There was a \$100,000 cut to services which translates to \$340,000 total funds. The reasoning for the cut stems from the Performance Audit. However, the audit did not state savings would incur from implementing its recommendations.

Intent language included a new aspect. DSPD has been authorized to use one-time funds to raise provider rates.

At the last moments of the Subcommittee presentations, there was an audit on our provider rates. It was determined administration versus services funding levels were appropriate.

In regards to workers compensation, SAS families will see their budgets go up and FMS will be taking more out for to pay for the coverage. It will be a net affect. This will begin in July.

Renewal of the Community Supports Waiver:

The Utah Department of Health met about the Community Supports Waiver, which is due for renewal every five years. The Waiver is now available for review on the Utah Department of Health's website.

There were not a lot of changes. The numbers of participants have been raised slightly. There are slight changes to the rate of financial services. The settings rule will be reviewed over a five year period. The

Department of Health welcomes comments from the Council. The renewal can be viewed until March 15th.

Residential Services by Paul Smith:

The Division has a workgroup going improve services for some of those people in residential services. There a people who need 24 hour supports and those who do not. We have included both of those needs in a residential habilitation service (RHS) code. However, this code is not internally flexible. To account for variances in monitoring needs, the Division has designed a new code called Residential Habilitation Flexible (RHF). This code would be used for those who do not need constant supervision. The Division has held a wide reaching stakeholder group to define the new service code and expectations. The Division is almost to the point of sending it to the Department of Health for approval. This would need a Waiver amendment.

Employment Action Items by Tricia Jones-Parkin:

Tricia walked through the action plans from the Strategic Plan on employment. Claire Mantonya will chair these items. Additionally, the Division will host an employment summit on March 31st from 9-12 pm at the Multi Agency State Office Building. Ryan will forward the details to Council members.

Council Nominations for the Vice Chair Position

Dustin Erekson is nominated for the Vice Chair position.
The Council is elected to the Vice Chair position.

Chair makes a motion to adjourn at 4:00